

RECREATION PROGRAM DISCIPLINE POLICY

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Purpose

To adopt an official policy for the control of individual behavior at athletic activities for the purpose of maintaining a wholesome recreational atmosphere at events.

Coverage

This policy, upon adoption, shall be applicable to all individuals participating in athletics as either players, coaches, officials, or spectators and shall remain in effect until such time that it is altered, modified, or rescinded by the City Council.

Policy

The City of Stoughton Parks and Recreation Department hereby establishes the following Athletic Discipline Policy:

1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct, to include, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Harassment of participants or officials, or
 - b. Profane language and/or gestures, or
 - c. Public threat or physical violence, or
 - d. Disruptive or malicious behavior

2. Any individual (includes players, coaches, officials, and spectators) displaying unsportsmanlike conduct (by opinion of the referee or umpire), whether during or following a game, will be subject to partial or permanent program suspension at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

3. Ejection from Game - Adult Participant
 - a. Any adult ejected from a game will automatically remain suspended from participating in at least the next game to be played by his/her team.

 - b. Any adult ejected from a second game during any one season will automatically be suspended from a minimum of the next two games to be played by his/her team and may not participate in any game with his/her team until he/she has a personal conference with the appropriate Recreation Department staff.

 - c. The Parks and Recreation Department will review all ejections and may extend any suspension beyond the minimum game suspension as noted in 4(b) as it deems appropriate for the offense.

4. Any coach displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, violating any coaches code of conduct rule, or refusing to abide by rules and regulations established by the department will be subject to partial or permanent program suspension at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

- a. The Parks and Recreation Department staff will meet with the coach in violation and will issue a partial or permanent suspension from the program.
 - b. A coach may request an appeal before the Parks and Recreation Committee on any suspension taken by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - c. Any coach or assistant coach who has been dismissed by the Parks and Recreation Department may not return as a coach in the future.
5. Ejection from Game - Youth Participant
 - a. The actions of any youth ejected from a game will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Department to determine if further disciplinary action is appropriate according to the severity of the offense.
 - b. Any youth ejected from any two games within one season will automatically be suspended from participating in at least the next game to be played by his/her team and may not return to his/her team until his/her parent(s)/guardian has a personal conference with the team's coach and appropriate Recreation staff
6. Any individual, whether youth or adult, suspended from a game after having a conference as outlined in 4(b) and 5(b) will be suspended for the remainder of the regular season and any tournament games.